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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In some of the terminal markets, prices were making weekly changes with larger sizes generally trending unchanged to lower, and about unchanged on mediums. The market tone was mixed and reported as about steady on the heavier sizes, and steady on the lighter weights. Demand ranged fair to good with best movement centering on pipeline activity where retail features had been a factor. Supplies of the larger eggs were reported in close balance to available, and mediums were adequate to instances barely adequate. In Eastern area, floor stocks were usually noted as being less than a week earlier. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources although some inventories were lower than a week earlier. Offerings of light type hens were fully adequate to ample for current needs.

**NORTH ATLANTIC** In Philadelphia, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for mediums and unchanged on the balance of sizes. In Boston, prices were unchanged to 1 cent higher for the larger sizes and unchanged to 2 cents higher for mediums. In New England, prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed. Demand was irregular, but fairly good where features were available. Supplies of brown eggs were clearing easily and white eggs were adequate to available. Breaking stock offerings were at least sufficient for current needs. Light type hens were fully adequate for slaughter requirements.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged. The market tone was mixed. Demand was fair to good. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and mediums were adequate.

**MIDWEST** Prices in Detroit and major Ohio and Wisconsin cities were 2 cents higher for the larger sizes, unchanged for medium, and unchanged to 2 cents higher for small. Prices to producers in Iowa-Minnesota-Wisconsin and prices in Chicago were unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady to instances barely steady. Retail and food service demand was fair to occasionally fairly good. Supplies were adequate to available for the larger sizes and adequate for the balance. Nest run breaking stock prices were unchanged. Trading and demand were light for the generally adequate offerings. Most buyers not needing extra product. Trade sentiment steady.

**CHICAGO** Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady to barely steady. Retail and food service demand mostly moderate. Buyers remain cautious and taking a wait and see attitude. Supplies uneven, larger sizes adequate while lighter weight eggs adequate to barely adequate.

**SOUTHERN** In Atlanta, prices were lower on the larger sizes, but unchanged on mediums. In Florida, prices were higher on medium eggs, but lower on the larger sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. The market tone was about steady. Retail demand was generally fair to moderate entering the week. Supplies of all sizes were generally adequate to available. The average price on Grade A or better white cartoned large eggs delivered to volume buyers in the Southern region for the week ending September 10, 1999, was 60.24 cents, .58 cents lower than the week before, and 10.16 cents less than the same week last year. Breaking stock supplies were adequate from regular sources, and the demand for additional eggs was light. Spent hen availability was fully adequate to ample for immediate slaughter needs.

**WESTERN** Prices in California 5 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small; in the Northwest, 4 cents lower on the large sizes, unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 1% lower than last week with California unchanged and Oregon-Washington-Utah down 2%. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings generally ample.

**PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A AND US GRADE A WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR OR WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

	EXTRA LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
<b>NORTHEAST CITIES</b>			
Boston (Brown)	101-103	91-93	56-58
New York	66-68	63-66	45-48
Philadelphia	64-66	62-64	44-45
<b>SOUTHERN CITIES</b>			
Atlanta (1) (2)	52-53	50.5-52	37-38
Jackson (1)	64-65	59-60	46-47
Major Louisiana Cities (1)	61-72	56-70	43-57
<b>MIDWEST CITIES</b>			
Chicago	52-57	51-56	39-44
Detroit (2)	49-52	48-51	35-38
Major Ohio Cities (2)	50-55	49-53	36-41
Major Wisconsin Cities	53-61	51-58	39-46
<b>WESTERN CITIES</b>			
Houston (1)	69-70	64-65	50-51
California(Grade AA)(1)(3)	87	79	68
(1) - Prices reported weekly			
(2) - Delivered Warehouse			
(3) - Reported Invoice prices			

**CALIFORNIA EGGS** Prices 5 cents lower on jumbo, 4 cents lower on extra large and large, and unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was unchanged from last week. Retailer demand moderate. Offerings ample. Small invoice price 48. Ads in Northern California: large dozen 99. **PRICES INVOICE, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.**

CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.		RANGE	
JUMBO		110	
EXTRA LARGE		87	
LARGE		79	
MEDIUM		68	
PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.			
SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
RANGE		RANGE	
JUMBO	229-289	JUMBO	239-269
EXTRA LARGE	219-279	EXTRA LARGE	209-245
LARGE	199-209	LARGE	169-239
MEDIUM	187-205	MEDIUM	149-189

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending September 17, 1999 will increase by 16 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending September 10, 1999 were 233,190 cases which was 9 percent below the prior week and 14 percent below estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	197,936	35,254	233,190

% change from the prior week..... -10 -2 -9  
Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 17 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** Prices were unchanged. Offerings were generally adequate for the light trading and demand. Most breakers were satisfied with regular commitments and not seeking additional product. Trade sentiment steady.

PRICES PAID TO 11:00 A.M., MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB. MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	31-34	31-33
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	18-20	18

CENTRAL STATES AREA:

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Majority prices were irregular with the weighted average price still trending lower when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light for ample offerings. Processing schedules were usually normal for current week. Undertone was mixed and barely steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-SEP-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	7-17	8-16	12.14
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN REPORT** Prices were lower compared to the past week. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of heavy hens. Finished sales were sluggish with available supplies at least adequate for sales requirements. Schedules were at or near capacity. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 LBS AND UP) \* FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 13-SEP-99

	RANGE CENTS/LB.	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	8-18	12-14	13.39

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT** - AM Sep 13, 1999  
STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		NO CENT	SO CENT	SO Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	6.1	7.1	3.5	7.4	32.1
	Change	-0.5	0.2	0.5	-1.9	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	16.7	20.4	10.2	25.6	90.9
	Change	-5.5	-3.8	1.2	4.2	-3%
Large	Curr Wk	31.4	42.1	55.1	63.5	266.6
	Change	-1.3	-5.8	-2.9	-2.6	-6%
Medium	Curr Wk	14.2	24.4	18.3	25.7	107.5
	Change	1.3	1.2	-1.0	2.6	3%
Small	Curr Wk	5.8	8.8	1.3	8.0	31.5
	Change	-2.4	1.0	0.2	-0.5	1%
Misc	Curr Wk	10.9	14.3	9.9	14.2	54.3
	Change	5.8	0.8	0.5	2.5	20%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	23.0	76.5	15.2	22.1	190.4
	Change	-12.8	5.4	2.0	-5.6	-5%
Total	Curr Wk	108.1	193.6	113.5	166.5	773.3
Percent	Change	-12%	-1%	0%	-1%	-2%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	773.3	-2%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	482.2	-3%	38
Total Shell Egg	1255.5	-3%	203

1/Information is supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. Sample does not represent total U.S. inventory but includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

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No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

**CANADIAN EGGS**

MONTREAL: WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE TO RETAILERS (CANADIAN CENTS) GRADED IN CARTONS, AS REPORTED BY CANADA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 1999

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	161	157.9	148.9	107.9

MINIMUM PRODUCER PRICES FOB FARM FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 30, 1999 AS ESTABLISHED BY ONTARIO EGG AND FOWL PRODUCERS MARKETING BOARD.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	125	125	115	75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— DAILY WTD AVERAGE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/10/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 7.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 8.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 15.00

CLASS	ORG	SE		NE		MW		LOADS	CLASS	ORG	SC		NW		SW		LOADS
		DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG				DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		
GNR W 1	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—	7.00	SE	2.00	1.00	—	—	—	—	—	3.00	
GNR W 3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	NE	—	8.00	—	—	—	—	—	8.00	
GL W XL	—	—	—	47.67	44.33	—	3.00	MW	—	3.00	1.00	—	—	—	—	4.00	
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	—	1.00	SC	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
GL W MD	—	—	26.50	29.00	—	—	1.00	NW	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
GL W SM	—	18.00	—	—	—	—	2.00	SW	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
TOTALS									2.00	12.00	1.00	—	—	—	15.00		

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES**— WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 09/06/99 - 09/10/99

**CURRENT LOADS** 75.00 **FUTURE LOADS** 49.00 **TOTAL LOADS** 124.00

		SE		NE		MW		LOADS		SC		NW		SW		LOADS	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST		CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST			
GNR W XL	—	—	40.50	42.00	—	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	38.00	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR W 1	38.50	36.63	40.50	42.00	—	—	20.00	GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	
GNR W 2	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GNR W 3	—	23.67	—	—	—	—	—	1.50	
GNR W 3	—	30.00	—	—	26.00	29.00	6.50	GL W XL	40.00	—	—	—	—	44.40	2.50		
GNR W 4	—	—	—	—	27.00	29.00	1.00	GL W LG	38.47	41.00	—	—	—	41.36	5.75		
GNR BR 1	—	86.00	83.50	—	—	—	1.00	GL W MD	30.00	32.00	—	—	—	—	8.75		
GL W XL	—	—	48.00	48.04	41.65	40.00	10.00	GL W SM	—	18.00	—	—	—	—	.75		
GL W LG	—	41.50	45.50	47.60	38.13	—	9.00	NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
GL W MD	30.25	32.00	27.38	29.25	35.25	—	13.50	NRBS - 39	—	25.00	—	—	—	—	1.00		
GL W SM	16.00	18.06	16.00	17.50	14.25	—	9.50										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	32.00	33.00	29.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	—	—	23.67	27.00	4.00										
NRBS - 39	—	—	—	—	22.00	—	5.00										

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**NUMBER OF CASES OF EGGS SHIPPED TO CALIFORNIA 8/29/99 - 9/04/99**

Origin												
State	AZ	CO	GA	IA	MN	MO	OH	OR	TX	UT	WI	TOTAL
N. CA	-	1,603	-	600	-	-	-	1,897	-	1,630	-	5,730
C. CA	-	-	-	1,560	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,560
S. CA	850	3,983	960	4,881	6,110	1,368	950	-	1,680	2,110	120	23,012
TTL STATE	850	5,586	960	7,041	6,110	1,368	950	1,897	1,680	3,740	120	30,302

SHIPPED TO MILITARY: 0

**NEW ENGLAND**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CASES EXCHANGED, GRADE YIELD BASIS, BROWN EGGS LOOSE, AT FARM, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
127-130	82-85	72-75	37-40	8-11

**DETROIT EGGS**

PRICES TO FIRST RECEIVERS, CASES INCLUDED, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, 30 DOZEN CASES, WHITE EGGS LOOSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

JUMBO	EX-LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
57-60	48-54	46-51	33-38	16-20

**IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN**

PRICES PAID TO PRODUCERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
32-34	21-23	9-11

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS**

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
67.61	52.95	35.17

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	9/06/99	8/30/99	9/07/98
PACIFIC COAST	255	343	12
LOS ANGELES	253	253	12

**HONOLULU, OAHU-WHITE SHELL EGGS** PRICES DELIVERED TO RETAILERS, GRADE A STORE DOOR September 7, 1999:

	CARTONS	WTG AVG
EX-LARGE	149-155	153.43
LARGE	143-150	148.40
MEDIUM	124-139	133.46
SMALL	106-109	108.48

Receipts from the mainland: 8/29/99-9/04/99  
30-dozen cases 1,870

Receipts from the mainland: 8/22/99-8/28/99  
30-dozen cases 5,740

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